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SUBJECT: IEA: NORWEGIAN REACTION TO DEC 19 GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING-LONG-TERM COOPERATION PROGRAM

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1. E/C COUNSELOR DISCUSSED THE DEC 19 IEA GOVERNING
BOARD MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR RAVNE WHO WAS NORWAY'S
REPRESENTATIVE. RAVNE CITED IEA DOCUMENT ON MEETING
(IEA/GB(75)99) AND SAID THAT DELEGATIONS HAD NOT AGREED
TO TAKE LONG-TERM COOPERATION PROGRAM (EXCEPT FOR CHAPTER
V) BACK TO CAPITALS ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS AS REPORTED IN
REFTEL. AGREEMENT WAS MERELY TO TAKE PROGRAM BACK FOR
CONSIDERATION WITH VIEW TO POSSIBLE ADOPTION AT NEXT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. AT DEC 19 MEETING, RAVNE
HAD STATED FORMALLY THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT PERMIT
HIM TO ADOPT ANYTHING AD REFERENDUM. RAVNE SAID THAT
THERE WERE STILL TOO MANY UNCERTAINTIES IN THE LONG-TERM
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PROGRAM FOR NORWAY TO ADHERE TO IT EVEN IF IT WERE

ADOPTED BY THE IEA. THIS CINCLUDES BOTH CHAPTER III AND
CHAPTER V ISSUES.

2. ON CHAPTER V, NORWAY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STATEMENTS
ON CANADA'S EXCEPTION(REFTEL PARA 7A) AND ON THE
PROBLEMS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS(REFTEL PARA 7B) BEFORE ADHERING.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, RAVNE SAID, THE ENTIRE EEC
INCLUDING FRANCE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO ADOPT THE MSP IN CHAPTER III
AND DROP THE CONSUMPTION TAX OPTION BEFORE NORWAY COULD
ACCEPT THE PROGRAM. WITHOUT FINAL ADOPTION OF THE MSP
BY THE EEC AND ELIMINATION OF THE CONSUMPTION TAX WHICH
OBTAINED THE BENEFITS OF THE MSP, THE PROGRAM HAD LITTLE
ATTRACTION TO NORWAY, WAS UNBALANCED IN FAVOR OF IEA
CONSUMER COUNTRIES, AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SELL TO
THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT.

3. RAVNE SAID THAT DAVIGNON TOLD HIM AT THE DEC 19
MEETING THAT EEC UNLIKELY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON MSP BEFORE
JULY OR AUG 76. NORWAY WILL NOT ATTEMPT BLOCK
ACCEPTANCE OF IEA LONG-TERM PROGRAM PENDING EEC ADOPTION
OF ACCEPTABLE MSP PROVISIONS, BUT WILL PROBABLY NOT ADHERE
TO IEA PROGRAM UNTIL EEC ACTS.
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